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committee amendments with AM2025. (Legislative Journal pages 2005-2006.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. This is drawn as...AM2025 is drawn as an amendment to the committee amendments. There's been a map handed out that says AM1993 instead of AM2025, and that's because it was originally drawn as an amendment to the bill until we realized that probably in order to proceed somewhat efficiently it should be drawn as an amendment to the committee amendment. So there should be one of those on each desk and so hopefully we can share those. And it's not...it's not nearly as extensive or as difficult to follow as the legislative redistricting. First of all, let me say that this proposal has a zero deviation, in fact has a zero difference in population--570,421 people in each district. It stays away from northeast Nebraska, where we just got through discussing the legislative district proposal and the effect on Senator Cunningham's district, and some have mentioned past redistricting affecting the northeast Nebraska area. This affects basically southeast Nebraska and it leaves York and Madison Counties both in the first district. It moves Saline County and most of Gage County to the third district and the backup page on the map shows how Gage County is divided. There's some portion of northwest Gage County, north of Buckeye Road, that is left in the first district. Sarpy County, under this plan, as I understand it, would be consistent with what has been worked on by Senator Brashear and others who are knowledgeable about Sarpy County; and if you look at the second page it gives you the detail on Sarpy County. It's my understanding that that's...that's the line or the detail in Sarpy County that most people have decided they would like to have. I mentioned leaving northeast Nebraska alone with this proposal. It does that. I realize that those senators who are impacted perhaps in southeast Nebraska may feel just like those in northeast Nebraska when they're impacted, and I understand that. We cannot avoid that entirely. I think that it does follow the guidelines that we've established for ourselves in the Legislature, as far as congressional boundary line